

House Resolution No. 2547

Whereas, Freeman R. Bosley, Jr., of Saint Louis, Missouri, was inaugurated as City Mayor on April 20, 1993, and will celebrate the Fifteenth Anniversary of that special occurrence during 2008; and

Whereas, born on July 20, 1954, to Marjorie Ellen Bosley and Freeman Bosley, Sr., of Saint Louis, Freeman Bosley was elected as the forty-seventh mayor and first African-American mayor of Saint Louis on April 6, 1993, by 66.5 percent of the electorate; and

Whereas, Freeman Bosley prepared for his diverse endeavors in life by graduating from Central High School in 1972; Saint Louis University in 1976, where he simultaneously earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in urban affairs and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science; and the Saint Louis University School of Law in 1979, which granted him its Juris Doctorate; and

Whereas, Freeman Bosley became the first African-American Saint Louis Circuit Clerk of Courts, a position that he held for ten years; and

Whereas, after serving as 3rd Ward Democratic Committeeman, Freeman Bosley was elected as the Democratic Party Chair for the city of Saint Louis, an event that led to his successful mayor run three years later; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Mayor, Freeman Bosley oversaw the city's battle against the Flood of 1993, helped orchestrate the bailout of Trans World Airlines with its subsequent transfer of its world headquarters to Saint Louis, facilitated the move of the Los Angeles Rams football team to Saint Louis prior to their Super Bowl victory in 1999, and passed two property tax increases to generate additional revenue for the city; and

Whereas, after serving one term as Mayor, Freeman Bosley practiced law with Caldwell and Singleton and joined two other former mayors as leaders in the Citizens for Home Rule group and in the school board referendum to air condition schools; and

Whereas, Freeman Bosley has practiced law with Bosley & Associates since 2004 and is justifiably proud also to be known as the loving father of Sydney:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Freeman Bosley and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he celebrates the Fifteenth Anniversary of his inauguration as City Mayor; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Freeman R. Bosley, Jr., of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

Representative Theodore Hoskins
District No. 80

Representative Talibdin El-Amin
District No. 57

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2547, adopted May 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker